

Idaho Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
Meeting

July 18, 2007

Attendees: Debbie Field, Delana Harper, Kathy Skippen, Jerry Russell, Brent Reinke, Tony Meatte, Sharon Harrigfeld, Bev Ashton, Richard Armstrong, Robin Sandy, Sara Stover, Amy Castro, Patti Tobias, Shane Evans, David Hahn, Paul Carroll, Rokesh Mohan, Dick Humiston, Rep. Jim Clark, Ike Kimball, Sarah Woodley, Dave Butler, Sharon Burke, Kathleen Allyn, Carrie Parrish, Valerie Hoybjerg, Bethany Gadzinski, Dick Schultz

Agenda Item #1- Introduction and Approval of Minutes

Debbie Field – will approve June & July minutes at August meeting, comprehensive budget, transparent information, discussion about DHW Substance Abuse Block Grant.

Discussion Not on Agenda:

Dave Butler – missed the substance abuse block grant b/c of 33,000 short on the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for block grant in 2006. Waiting on feds to say that we have participated in a material fashion and can receive the grant. Have sent 3 letters to feds requesting info on when it will come. Used the Cooperative Welfare Fund (handout provided on the presentation to JFAC for fy06) to cover funds that should have been from this grant, this was \$6.8 million and the fund receives both federal grant and state general funds. What is a good balance in fund: between \$15-20 million, normal Medicaid payments are \$20-25 million.

Debbie Field – we are behind in putting that money back into the fund, and have been trying for 10 months to get the money, how do we really know we are going to get it?

Bethany Gadzinski – block grants are funds that are as close to being grants that they have to give to you as you can get w/ the feds. We are now collecting interest: they are paying us interest because they did not give us our block grant. They will continue to pay us interest until we get the block grant funds. It doesn't matter what the reason is for us not getting it, the grant is due us, so they have to give it to us.

Sara Stover – do we know that we have actually received the interest?

****Note:** Dave Butler addressed group after adjourning that the interest has not been received, and that we haven't billed them yet. We only know at this point what we would bill them for the interest.

Amy – what are we going to do with the money when we get it? DHW has been reporting the money as federal, what spending authority will be needed if/when we eventually do get the funds?

Dick Humiston – at any given time, IDHW has a federal receivable of \$13-15 million, we spend money, submit a claim, then they reimburse us; this issue is no different. It is not unusual to have a large receivable with the federal government, so we report the money spent as federal funds. When the funds come in, we will just pay off the federal receivable in the Cooperative Welfare Fund and do not need additional spending authority.

Agenda Item #3 – BPA Contract Renewal

Bethany Gadzinski – Renewed on June 30th but only for 11 months. Bethany is looking at where she can cut things and may need to get a supplemental for the 12th month.

Agenda Item #4 – Waiting List Discussion

Sarah Woodley – Adolescent is down to 125. Current adult is just under 1400. Need to get release to share information on people on waiting list to get those people helped.

Shane Evans – IDOC was able to carry over some funds to help some of their people on the waiting list. Will share info with BPA once they finalize.

Agenda Item #5 – IDAPA Rules Review/CASAT

Bethany Gadzinski – Waiting for budget from CASAT. They changed how they do contracts and per diems. Had to redo the cost structure. Hopefully by August 1 will have a new contract.

Agenda Item #6 – DHW Budget: Shortfall/Spending Authority?

Dave Butler – (handouts provided) DHW original appropriation last year was 25 million, had a non-cog to cover the over spending of 1.7 million to raise the appropriation to \$26,668,400. Actual expenditures were \$26,149,000, had a remaining balance of 500,000. They overspent their original appropriation, but not for the year since they put in a non-cog (only used when Legislature is not in session and has to be non-state funds). The appropriation for DHW for FY08 is a lot lower (\$5.3 million less) than the expenditure rate for FY07: the legislative intent is to serve the same amount of clients in FY08 as in FY07, not feasible unless you capitate the expenditure rate for clients.

Amy Castro – at the time of the intent language being added, LSO knew that DHW didn't request enough money but there was no case load information, so the intent language was added to ensure that the state substance abuse program did not go backwards and DHW still met the current caseload and if needed request the appropriate funding. The department did ask for additional funds but they were to serve 3500 additional people, not cover current costs. The request included more people to be hired. It was known that there would be a shortfall in the budget, JFAC just didn't know how much based on the DHW information provided..

Patti Tobias – what about the money needed to cover the rest of the vouchers?

Bethany – have identified a couple of options. 1. Have some funds available that DHW needs spending authority for (substance abuse fund). 2. Hold to budget and ramp things down farther than we already are. 3. Pay for out of general funds in the current year. 4. We can also refuse the vouchers that expire 8/2, but don't want to stop treatment for someone, so DHW is reauthorizing their continued treatment with other funds.

Kathleen – (handouts provided) Series of alternative DU's based on new ATR grant and if we do or don't get it. 1. If we get it: asking for additional funds (ATR grant would be 7 million) of 1.7 million to expand substance abuse treatment. Would be requested each year through the ATR grant. If we don't get it: 1. This would cover folks that have been screened and are a member of a priority population, cost would be 6.2 million. 2. People who qualify financially and clinically but are not on a priority population, funding would be \$4 million to expand program and help waiting list, money would be ongoing funding. 3. People not in jail w/in 14 days of release date. 4. Medicaid paying for primary care physicians to bill for screening and intervention treatment.

Discussion: Options of how to cover the vouchers.

Have 90 days to get everything cleaned up for the feds. DHW (Bethany) recommends using funds in substance abuse fund that they can get spending authority. Projected amount in fund is \$1.6 million. The expected remaining cost of vouchers is \$300,000 to \$1 million. Also have to pay tribes out of remaining money (561 people are in treatment and 1600 are holding vouchers in the tribes.) Substance abuse grant is specific that money spent has to be on treatment only.

Motion: to accept recommendation by Richard Armstrong that the ICSA Committee endorse and support the additional supplemental for spending authority appropriation of ATR funds. **Second** by Brent Reinke. **Additional Discussion** by Patti Tobias – can't reconcile motion with spending authority on handout provided by DHW. The people on the waiting list (from handout) are not the ones with outstanding vouchers. Rep. Clark – why does this decision have to be made in July, can DHW come back next month with correct language? Dave Humiston – have to submit budget by September 1st. **Substitute motion** by Patti Tobias to have DHW come back with correct DU wording, additional appropriation requests and better information on how SB1142 & 1149 fit into the areas for funding being requested. **Second** by Rep. Jim Clark. **Unanimous**

consent for director Armstrong to withdraw his original motion. Dick Armstrong – I do. **Passed.**

Agenda Item #7 – 2008 Budget Review

Debbie asked that Sara Stover and Amy Castro recap budget issues surrounding substance abuse.

Amy Castro – FY2008 and FY2009 budget: 1. Early intervention services – never been addressed before. 2. Wait list – case load issue needed to track for future budget projections. 3. Program or staff changes needed on regular budgeting requests. 4. Funding sources and sustainability of those in future years. 5. Capitating services.

Agenda Item #8 – 2009 Budget Request/Presentations

Tony Meatte – IDJC is in the process of identifying their DU's by August meeting. Will be looking at providing services for co-occurring disorders also.

Shane Evans – IDOC is looking at 2 items specifically for requests. 1. Expansion of internal resources, want to move away from one time money. 2. Expansion of housing as critical component of populations to remain clean and sober. Looking internally at building infrastructure support for their clients and at what they need to fill gaps with using good numbers and how process is going to work to move toward a unified approach to substance abuse treatment.

Patti Tobias – gearing up for subcommittee meeting for numbers with IDOC, IDJC and DHW for proposed expansion of Drug Courts, will bring a recommended number to committee in August for what might be appropriate as far as expanding more than the 275 slots helped last year.

Jerry Russell – staffing as far as forensic laboratories. Actual numbers needed for case load to develop best numbers.

Brent Reinke – Idaho sheriffs association looking at the relationship between themselves and IDOC, contract being put together. Pilot program as an alternative to incarceration. And level of services in country jail for misdemeanors to curb the influx of those moving on to being incarcerated in the state system. Trying to close gaps in the criminal justice system. Where to house funds? 4 counties in pilot program. (Rep. Clark – why not present legislatively instead of as a budget item? Brent will look at that.)

Sharon Harrigfeld – measurable objectives: reintegration & transitional housing need to be looked at for budgeting purposes. Need to figure out where this program will be housed. (Rep. Clark – should do this legislatively. Sharon – will do.)

New Business

Debbie Field – GAIN Assessment Implementation Group has been meeting each Wednesday, and even broke out into sub-committees to help facilitate moving forward. Shane Evans chairing Business Rules sub-committee, Delana Harper chairing Data Collection sub-committee and Kathy Skippen chairing Training sub-committee.

Kathy Skippen – training on GAIN tool is intense. Great thing about process is when we get it rolled out and are doing it right, we will have good numbers on what the need is in the state. Will be submitting to Chestnut that we be able to have trainers train more than just their own agency but in their region also.

Patti Tobias – ODP needs to provide a DU on GAIN implementation. Also would like to see a status report each month to the ICSA on where we are with the implementation committee. This will help show where we may need more funding.

Sarah Woodley – would encourage us to put ongoing money in budget for quality assurance for the GAIN tool.

Shane Evans – LSI's quality assurance, infrastructure on that slides down on DU b/c of immediate needs. CPC tool worked with consultants to develop check list and protocol for training. Data analysis to look at errors and find what needs to be addressed. Quality assurance of the system itself.

Bethany Gadzinski – (handouts provided) draft timeline handout for RFP which needs to be on the street by November 1 to provide time to transition if needed. 1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Byrne Grant - \$20,000 to do a survey on what is really going on with the probation and parole group, application due August 2nd. 2. Robert Wood Johnson Grant application overview – infrastructure building, looking at providers on the barriers between mental health and substance abuse (co-occurring services) \$180,000 (\$15,000 for each region to get the compass tool), due August 16.

Discussion: Shane Evans - is this grant dependent on the state using the Minkoff study? Bethany Gadzinski – needs to get more clarification on Robert Wood Johnson Grant. Amy Castro – need to set up a process to get grant applications prior to meetings. Sharon Harrigfeld – encourage to move forward on Robert Wood Johnson Grant b/c we need to move forward on the co-occurring point. Shane Evans – need to work in unison, not have 2 different grants in the agencies. Don't need to be competing, but need to be on the same page. **Motion:** Sharon Harrigfeld – support DHW to move forward with Robert Wood Johnson Grant, b/c we know we need to move forward in the direction of co-occurring disorders, whether with the Minkoff model or not, understanding that there needs to be a partnership with the state substance abuse authority and at least 3 state providers (looking to ICSA to find the providers), and bring back to committee the final application after it is submitted so that we all know. **Rep. Cark second.**

Additional Discussion: Patti Tobias – wants to support the effort to secure additional funds to move toward looking at co-occurring disorders, but has not read the grant, so does not feel comfortable voting on whether to move forward with this grant. Kathleen Allyn – if there is any concern that we will be affecting any other agency, they will modify the scope of the grant to keep it confined within DHW. Amy Castro – point is that no one knows about this grant. Valerie Hoyjberg – what is the intent of applying for this grant? To use in DHW or over the whole state? Debbie Field – motion is for the whole state. Brent Reinke – **call for the question.** (2/3 of committee has to call for the question.)

Rep. Jim Clark – Yes

Director Jerry Russell – Yes

Director Brent Reinke – Yes

Sharon Harrigfeld – Yes

Bev Ashton – Yes

Director Richard Armstrong – Yes

Patti Tobias – Yes

Valerie Hoyjberg - Yes

We call for the question, you know the motion, Patti opposes, rest don't. **Motion has carried.**

Motion to accept MOU for Byrne Grant by Dick Armstrong. **Second** by Brent Reinke. **Discussion** Rep. Clark – does not want to do this one. Patti Tobias, Rep. Jim Clark, Jerry Russell all opposed. **Motion passes.**

****Note:** Future Grant applications and/or proposals pertaining to substance abuse need to be brought to the committee first.

Action Items:

1. DHW – Need letter stating that we are going to get the \$6.8 Block Grant Funds.
2. ODP – Provide a status report each month to the ICSA on the Assessment Implementation Workgroup.
3. All – Send emails to Debbie to clarify requests for DHW grant requests and budgets.
4. All – GAIN training and QA costs to be provided for budget consideration.
5. ODP – Send ICSA a copy of the ISP Grant specific to Meth.
6. DHW – Bring copy of completed Robert Wood Johnson Grant application.